(a) whether it is a fact that Portugal has been permitted to set up a consulate in Goa.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the other countries which have asked for setting up consulates in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The comments from the State Government of Goa are awaited.

(c) Germany has been allowed to appoint an Honorary Consul General in Goa. There are no other pending requests.

Kashmiri militants along line of actual control

1501. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 8th June, 1992 that over 7000 Kashmiri militants who have received training in subversive activities and assisted by Afghan Mujahideens have started gathering along the line of Actual Control at Poonch, Rajouri, Hajipeer in Jammu, Uri and Kupwara in Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the subversive training camps in Pak occupied Kashmir are being handed over to Afghan Mujahideens for guerrilla warfare training to Kashmiri militants;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what security measures Government have taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, there is no corroborative information to indicate that Afghan Mujahideen are being deployed across the J&K border for infiltration alongwith Kashmiri militants.

(b) Government have no information in this regard.

(c) While there is no confirmed evidence of the presence of Afghan Mujahideen on our borders, deployment of security forces along the border has been strengthened. Patrolling and intelligence operations have been intensified.

(d) Government have, on several occasions and at various levels, urged Pakistan to stop its support and encouragement to terrorism directed against India. Despite assurance, this support continuing unabated.

Government's agencies going abroad

1502. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the first half of 1992 various Government agencies have gone abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these visits by Government agencies were necessary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Agreement between India nad Bangladesh on Tin Bigha

1503. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: